**DISCIPLINARY ACTION** 

**DISBARMENT ORDERED: Donald W. Huntley** 

Supreme Court No. 626, 2012 Effective Date: November 26, 2012

On November 26, 2012, the Delaware Supreme Court ordered the disbarment of Donald W. Huntley, Esquire based upon his professional misconduct involving misappropriation of client funds. Mr. Huntley had been admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Delaware in 1981. Mr. Huntley had previously been suspended by Order of the Court on November 20, 2012 on an interim basis pursuant to Rule 16 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure pending final disposition under the Rules. Mr. Huntley consented to the imposition of the sanction of disbarment.

The Supreme Court of Delaware has consistently imposed or accepted by consent the sanction of disbarment in cases involving misappropriation of client and law firm funds. Such conduct violates Rules 8.4(b) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct which provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to "commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects." Mr. Huntley and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel signed and submitted for the Court's approval a stipulation of disbarment by consent which was ordered by the Court without further proceedings.